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Aurélie Decker is Director of the European Federation for Services to Individuals (EFSI). In this context, she manages the day to day activities of the Federation. She represents the views of the personal and household services' sector and works towards a better understanding of the sector within the European Institutions. She moreover took part in the steering committee of the report "*Why invest in employment ? The cost of unemployed*" made by Idea Consult.

Prior to joining EFSI in September 2011, she worked as a consultant in EU Public Affairs and did an internship at an MEP Brussels' office. She holds a degree in Political Sciences and an M.A in European Political and Administrative Studies.

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Nicolas Farvaque, PhD, is senior researcher at ORSEU and head of the Research Unit. ORSEU is specialised in research and consultancy in the following fields: social dialogue, working conditions, analysis of work, employment and labour.

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Jean-François LEBRUN is adviser to the directorate "Europe 2020: Employment policies" in the DG "Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion", since early 2013. He is in charge of the "personal and household services" file.

Previously, he was the Head of unit "New skills for new jobs, adaptation to change, Corporate Social Responsibility and European Globalisation Adjustment Fund" in the same DG. In this context, he was in charge to organize the European restructuring Forums.

He entered the European Commission in 1987. He mainly dealt with questions related to employment, social aspects of the internal

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Daphné Valsamis

Daphné Valsamis works as a Senior Researcher at IDEA Consult in the field of "Labour Market and Socio-Economic Policy" since 2008. She has a Master of Science in Economics, with an option in econometrics and labour economics from the ULB. Between 2005 and 2007, Daphné worked as a researcher in the Department of Applied Economics at the ULB (DULBEA) in the Labour Market and Socio-economic Policy research group. She worked principally on labour market and social security studies.

At IDEA Consult, Daphné is specialised in the themes of activation and competence policy. She worked on several evaluations concerning Employment and related measures such as the evaluation of the Belgian services voucher system. Daphné has also a large expertise on econometric analyses and impact studies. She worked e.g. on a study for the European Commission on the costs and benefits of options to improve provisions for the reconciliation of work and family life.
